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SUBJECT: PROPOSED COLLEGE OF CIVIL AVIATION IN QATAR

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1. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT REFTEL TO AMEMBASSY ROME FOR
RCAA-DWOR.

2. COMMERCIAL OFFICER QUERIED MR. WILLIAM WEARY, DIRECTOR OF
GULF CIVIL AVIATION COLLEGE (GCAC), CONCERNING PLANS FOR NEW
FACILITY FOR GULF CIVIL AVIATION COLLEGE DURING MEETING MORNING
OF 3 MAY 78. REF AIRGRAM GIVES ORGANIZATION OF GULF CIVIL AVIATION
COLLEGE. PLANS AT TIME OF WRITING OF REF AIRGRAM CALLED FOR
COLLEGE TO BE PART OF NEW QATAR UNIVERSITY. UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
PROJECT IS NOW BEING RE-EVALUATED AND TO AVOID RENEGING ON
COMMITMENTS TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN GULF CIVIL AVIATION COLLEGE
(BAHRAIN, U.A.E., AND OMAN) GOQ HAS DECIDED TO BUILD SEPARATE
FACILITY FOR GCAC. THESE FACILITIES WILL PROBABLY BE BUILT ON
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PART OF LAND ALLOCATED TO QATAR UNIVERSITY AND WILL LATER BE
INTEGRATED INTO QATAR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. COST OF FACILITY ESTIMATED
AT 55 MILLION QATARI RIYALS.

3. ACCORDING TO MR. WEARY THE OFFICE OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO
THE AMIR HAS SENT INVITATIONS TO BID ON CIVIL AVIATION COLLEGE
PROJECT TO NINE INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING SOME

UNNAMED U.S. FIRMS. ALL NINE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND BIDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED IN EARLY JUNE. IN MEANTIME, ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING FIRM WILL BE CHOSEN. INFRASTRUCTURE, SITE PREPARATION AND POSSIBLE FOUNDATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FAST TRACKED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FIXED PRICE PART OF ALL BIDS.

4. WEARY SAID THAT PROJECT IS CONSIDERED TO BE TOP PRIORITY ITEM. FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED (QR 55 MILLION). PROPOSED COMPETITION DATE IS JUNE 1979 BUT WEARY, WE THINK CORRECTLY, ASSUMES SOME SLIPPAGE

5. U.S. PARTICIPATION ON PROJECT IS EXPECTED. AMERICAN CONTRACTORS HAVE EDGE ON REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY AND, IF PRICES ARE COMPETITIVE, SHOULD TAKE MAIN CONTRACT. EQUIPMENT FOR COLLEGE LABS WILL BE PURCHASED THROUGH ICAO IN MONTREAL AND WILL BE PUT TO INTERNATIONAL BIDDING. AGAIN, U.S. TECHNOLOGY IS AHEAD OF COMPETITION. PROSPECTS FOR REIMBURSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE MINIMAL IF ANY PROSPECT EXISTS AT ALL. ICAO HAS THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE NEEDED AND HAS FULL, CAPABLE STAFF AVAILABLE. MOST OF STAFF ARE ALREADY IN COUNTRY AND ARE DRAWN FROM CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS OFFERED TO ASSIST THROUGH AID REIMBURSIBLE PROGRAMS.

6. RCAA (DWOR) VISITED PRESENT TEMPORARY FACILITY ON LAST TRIP TO DOHA AND IS AWARE OF PROGRAM. COMMERCIAL OFFICER SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH DWOR ABOUT STATUS OF COLLEGE AT COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S

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CONFERENCE IN TANGIER EARLY APRIL BUT AT THAT TIME DECISION TO LAUNCH SEPARATE PROJECT FOR PERMANENT FACILITY FOR GCAC HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE.
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